

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 4109–4122; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 483 and 486–488, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2538, to establish a Presidential commission to determine the validity of certain land claims arising out of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of 1848 involving the descendants of persons who were Mexican citizens at the time of the Treaty, amended (H. Rept. 105–594);

H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–595);

H. Res. 484, providing for consideration of H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–596); and

H. Res. 485, providing for consideration of H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–597).

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Mike Coleman of Hannibal, Missouri.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Drug-Free Workplace Act:** H.R. 3853, amended, to promote drug-free workplace programs (passed by a yea and nay vote of 402 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 257); and

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**Internet Tax Freedom Act:** H.R. 4105, to establish a national policy against State and local interference with interstate commerce on the Internet, to exercise congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, to establish a national policy against federal and state regulation of Internet access and online services.

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**Agriculture Appropriations Act:** The House began consideration of amendments to H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September

30, 1999. Further consideration will resume on Wednesday, June 24.

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**Agreed To:**

The Bereuter amendment that prohibits the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from denying a loan guarantee for multifamily rental units in rural areas if the interest on the loan is exempt from inclusion in gross income for purposes of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

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The Bass amendment that reduces funding for the Wildlife Service livestock protection program by \$10 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 259).

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**Rejected:**

The Obey amendment that sought to strike section 736 that extends the time for USDA to implement rulemaking on the milk marketing orders system by six months and continue the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact;

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The Dooley amendment that sought to transfer \$49.3 million from special grants for agricultural research to implement provisions of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Act of 1998;

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The Neumann amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funding to provide a peanut price support loan rate greater than \$550 per ton for quota peanuts (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 258);

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Point of order was sustained against the Petri amendment that sought to terminate congressional consent for the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact on April 4, 1999.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on the Miller of Florida amendment related to sugar, if offered, and all amendments thereto would be limited to 60 minutes allocated as follows: Representative Miller of Florida, 30 minutes; Representative Skeen, 15 minutes; and Representative Kaptur or her designee, 15 minutes.

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H. Res. 482, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5065.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote, and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4983, H5027–28, and H5028. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999.

### **INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND FINANCE—YEAR 2000 CHALLENGE**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on the Year 2000 Challenge to International Banking and Finance. Testimony was heard from Ernest T. Patrikis, First Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and public witnesses.

### **EMERGENCIES—BUDGETARY TREATMENT**

*Committee on the Budget:* Task Force on Budget Process, hearing on Budgetary Treatment of Emergencies. Testimony was heard from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA; from the following officials of the CBO: James Blum, Deputy Director; and Theresa Gullo, Chief, State and Local Government Cost Estimates; and Keith Bea, Specialist, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

### **STATES' ALTERNATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGIES**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, held a hearing on States' Alternative Environmental Compliance Strategies. Testimony was heard from Michael Gryszkowiec, Director, Planning and Reporting, GAO; the following officials of the EPA: Nikki L. Tinsley, Acting Inspector General; and Eric Schaeffer, Director, Office of Regulatory Enforcement; David B. Struhs, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Massachusetts; and Mike Phillips, Director, Strategic Projects and Planning, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Florida.

### **ANTI-SLAMMING MEASURES**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Protecting Consumers Against Slamming, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 3888, Anti-slamming Amendments Act; and H.R. 3050, Slamming Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goodlatte; Smith of New Jersey and

Bass; Lawrence E. Strickling, Deputy Bureau Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

### **COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL REFORM PROGRAM**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Comprehensive School Reform Program. Testimony was heard from Gerald Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### **CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Adopted a resolution granting Congressional immunity to Irene Wu, Nancy Lee, Larry Wong, and Kent La regarding the Committee's campaign fundraising investigation.

### **CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 3682, Child Custody Protection Act.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### **EXPORTS OF SATELLITES TO CHINA—U.S. POLICY**

*Committee on National Security:* and the Committee on International Relations concluded joint hearings on U.S. policy regarding the export of satellites to China. Testimony was heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; John Holum, Acting Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; and William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce.

### **OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; Robert Joslin, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and a public witness.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 1693, Vision 2020 National Parks System Restoration Act; and H.R. 4004, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark in Springerville, Arizona, and to establish the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 3705, Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer